

Remarks

The specification of the present application has been amended to cross-reference related applications relied upon for priority. In addition, several section headings were added to put the application into a format more typically used in the United States.

Claims 1-15 were cancelled and replaced with new claims 16-31. The amendments that were made to claims are intended to clarify claim language and are not meant to limit the scope of the claimed subject matter. All of the new claims are fully supported by the original claims and, again, are in a format more typically used in the United States. None of the amendments made herein add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for substantive review. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

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